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Senate

The Senate met at 3:03 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Most mighty and glorious God, full of incomprehensible power and majesty, You are all we have. Without Your luminous presence, we will perish.

Lord, protect the Ukrainian people as You would Your very eyes. Hide them in the shadow of Your wings from the attacks of evil. Empower these lovers of freedom to oppose and defeat their enemies.

Lord, continue to guide our lawmakers, and make them instruments of Your peace. Give them the wisdom they need to do Your will on Earth even as it is done in Heaven.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 21, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. DUCKWORTH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AMERICA CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANUFACTURING, PRE-EMINENCE IN TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH ACT OF 2022—Motion to Proceed—Resumed

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 4521, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 282, H.R. 4521, a bill to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

HONORING CORPORAL JACOB M. MOORE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, over the weekend, we learned that four U.S. marines were tragically killed Friday night. Their training aircraft crashed during joint NATO exercises in

Norway. One of those marines, Corporal Moore, was born and raised in Catlettsburg, KY. I want to take a moment to mourn this great loss and salute Corporal Moore's service to our country.

Corporal Moore joined the Marines in 2018. At only 24 years old, he had spent 4 years honorably serving our country all around the world. He was serving as an MV-22B Osprey crew chief based out of New River, NC.

Corporal Moore was in Norway along with 30,000 other soldiers from 27 countries for NATO's Cold Response exercises. Every 2 years, NATO service members travel to the edge of the Arctic Circle to train in northern Scandinavia's frozen wilderness. This long-scheduled exercise is not directly related to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but the events of recent weeks have only reminded us of the incredible importance of the NATO alliance to America's security and to world peace.

Corporal Moore's service was hugely and directly important to our Nation, to our allies, and to the world. So we will never forget Corporal Moore's service and sacrifice in defense of America's safety and freedom. We are thinking of and praying for his family at this terribly, terribly difficult time.

NOMINATION OF KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

Madam President, on an entirely different matter, this week, the Senate will turn to a crucial constitutional duty: deciding whether to provide or withhold consent to a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States.

President Biden's nominee for this incredibly consequential position is Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Judge Jackson is currently a DC Circuit judge of less than a year. In 9 months as an appellate judge, she has offered only two opinions, both after the Supreme Court vacancy opened up. So this time, unlike Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett, there is no meaningful sample size of appellate

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